

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 13, the first paragraph should read as follows:

From this state, utilizing a conventional expansion device 126, the first belt sleeve component 116 can be pressed radially outwardly against the mold surface 54 so that the first belt sleeve component 116 is partially deformed into the grooves 60, as shown in Fig. 4. This creates sufficient radial clearance to insert the second die assembly, as shown in Fig. 4. At this point, suction is generated in the first manifold 62 by the source 70 so that the rubber in the compression layer 24 is drawn radially outwardly into the grooves 60. Thereafter, pressurized steam from the heated fluid supply 78 is circulated through the chamber ~~70~~ 72 to facilitate forming of the compression rubber layer 24 into the grooves 60.

Page 14, the second full paragraph should read as follows:

As shown in Fig. 7, with the first belt sleeve component 116 in the Fig. 5 state and the second belt sleeve component 128 formed on the second die assembly 50, as shown in Fig. 6, the second die assembly 50 can be directed axially downwardly, as indicated by the arrow 130, into operative relationship with the first die assembly 48, as shown in Fig. 7, wherein the continuous belt sleeve component 128 resides radially within the continuous belt sleeve component 116. A slight radial gap R3 is maintained between the load carrying member(s)/cord(s) 26 and the first part 40 of the cushion rubber layer 24. Ideally, this dimension R3 is sufficient to allow the second die assembly 50 to be axially moved into operative relationship with the first die assembly 48 without binding, but is preferably small enough so that only a small degree of radial movement of the second belt sleeve component 128 is required to join the second belt sleeve component 128 to the first belt sleeve component 116.